Different prices of petrol in the country

1334. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reports that the price of petrol in metropolitan cities like Delhi is far cheaper than the prices in all the towns in the country;

(b) what is the range of the price differential; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The range is from about Rs. 10/- per litre to about Rs. 8|- per litre.

(c) The ex-storage point price of petrol is uniform throughout the country. However, the retail prices vary from place to place because of freight, State imposts and other local levies etc. It is felt necessary to bring in total uniformity in the retail prices.

Accounting procedure of ONGC

1335. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) in which manner the production and the sales of ONGC are valued for accounting purposes keeping in view the large volume of the profits reported by the ONGC; and

(b) if the sales are computed in US dollars according to oil rates in the world market and then converted into rupees, to what extent the profits of ONGC are a reflection of the depreciated value of the rupees during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): In case of all the products of ONGC viz., crude oil, gas, liquified petroleum gas and natural gasoline liquids, the sale price has been fixed by the Government and the same is being charged by ONGC from various buyers except in case of gas sales to private parties in Gujarat where the accounting is being made on realised basis.

(b) No sales are computed in US dollars.

Quality of oil and natural gas exploited in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

1336. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of exploitable oil and natural gas identified by ONGC in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; and

(b) what plans have been formulated to refine the oil production in each of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Recoverable Reserve of oil and gas in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, estimated as on 1.7.86, are as under:—

Oil—1.52 million tonnes

Gas—3661 million cubic metres

(b) Presently, oil produced from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu is taken to refineries at Vizag and Madras respectively.